

Villeurbanne, 15/03/05

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GENERAL MANAGEMENT FERRAZ SHAWMUT

RE: **European directive on the restriction of hazardous substances**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The European directive on restriction of hazardous substances makes it mandatory to limit the use of 6 such substances in the electrical and electronic equipment listed in an appendix to it by July 2006.

The components made by our company and built into that equipment will comply with the directive.

We have fully investigated the contents of the incriminated substances in our products. That investigation has shown that we are already compliant with regards to mercury, PBBs and PBDEs. We have undertaken to comply with the directive as regards the cadmium, hexavalent chrome and lead contents in any of our components that fall into its scope before the deadline of July 2006.

On our Web site www.ferrazshawmut.com, you will find assistance in determining what your situation is versus the directive, the current status of all our product ranges, and scheduled dates for compliance.

We at FERRAZ SHAWMUT consider it a duty to enhance the safety of people and property with our electrical protection solutions while contributing to the protection of an environmental heritage that belongs to all of us. The compliance of our products with this directive is in complete harmony with the spirit of our mission.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Renart'.

Marc RENART
CEO, Ferraz Shawmut

Attachment: appendix

Appendix: list of electrical and electronic equipment affected by the directive on restriction of hazardous substances nb. 2002/95/CE of 27 January 2003

Electrical and electronic equipment designed for use at a voltage less than 1000 V in AC or 1500 V in DC.

In the following applications

1. Large household appliances
2. Small household appliances
3. Computer and telecommunications equipment
4. Consumer equipment
5. Lighting equipment
6. Electrical and electronic tools (with the exception of large-scale stationary industrial tools)
7. Toys, leisure and sports equipment
10. Automatic dispensers